

REMARKS

Applicant has amended the specification, and has deleted Figures 12A, 12B, and 13, and has renumbered Figure 14 as Figure 12. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claims 1-18 are now pending.

I. Specification

Applicant has reviewed the disclosure, has updated the status of the related application as called for by the Office Action, and corrected additional errors identified by the Applicant. No new matter has been added.

II. Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 10 have been amended to correct the informalities identified by the Examiner. Namely, the phrase "said duplicate" has been replaced with the phrase "said extended" as suggested by the Office Action.

III. Conclusion

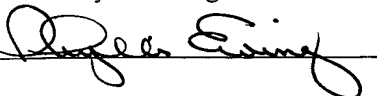
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10004753-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings are replacement sheets which reflect the removal of Figures 12A, 12B and 13 and the renumbering of the original Figure 14 as Figure 12.

Attachment: Replacement sheets